

War Mothers Ask Gifts For Vets

Torrance Chapter of American War Mothers are sponsoring a drive for gifts for patients of Veterans' Administration Hospital in Long Beach. Frank's Furniture Store and Strum's Department Store have set out receptacles to receive gifts. High-bridged Christmas for these veterans who have given so much of defense of our country. Those who have relatives in the service, can show sympathy for these others and if a family has no one in service, they are asked to donate some gifts in appreciation of that fact.

Gifts wrapped and bearing donor's name and address, may consist of any of the following items, with an approximate value of one dollar.

Dollar book of stamps, stationery and stamps, pencil flash lights, good playing cards, shaving sets, cosmetic sets for men, nail clippers, soap, ties, or handkerchiefs, books by good authors, and of choicest tone.

It is hoped, the Torrance pub-

lic will be generous in this project. Gifts should be given as soon as possible so they may be collected and taken to the hospital by members. Additional information may be secured by phoning Terminal 4-4998, according to Jeannette King, president.

MORE THAN ONE DAY.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, 394 disasters occurred in our country. In these, 568 people lost their lives and 3921 were injured or ill and needed care. The cost of these in Red Cross funds was \$4,862,986 (nearly five million). No states were exempt, every state in the Union as well as D. C. and Alaska suffered disasters.

To be perfectly just is an attribute of the divine nature; to be so to the utmost of our abilities, is the glory of man.—Addison.

Catholic Card Party

Mrs. Clayton Bowen will serve as chairman for this evening's Catholic ladies card party in Nativity Hall, Cota at Manuel avenue. Everyone is invited. Tallies may be procured at the door.

Customary games will be played and at the close of play, delicious refreshments will be served by the committee.

Assisting Mrs. Bowen with party arrangements are Mesdames Leroy Armstrong, Cyril Weber, Clara Goodson, Richard Ban, Leon Cooper, John Nady, Nick Zapparde, George Misitz, Walter Gilbert, Ralph Bobbitt, Edward DeGutes, Vernon Baldwin, Marie Leininger, Joseph McKenna, Herman Paar, Alfred Barkow, Richard Ross, William Steele, and Eugene Slocomb.



MR. AND MRS. GERALD C. MITTAN

Gerald C. Mittans Observe 25th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald C. Mittan opened their Cota avenue home for a delightful Sunday afternoon and evening reception given to mark their silver wedding anniversary. Attractively gowned in black crepe complemented by a corsage of camellias, Mrs. Mittan was assisted by her mother, and her sisters, all of whom had been present at her wedding performed 25 years ago in Sidney, Neb.

An attractive communique centered the buffet table where her mother poured and her sister, Mrs. J. H. Tuepker of Pasadena, served an anniversary cake. A large bouquet of American Beauty roses, a gift of Mr. Mittan, added an appropriate decorative note to the home.

The evening was spent viewing colored amateur motion pictures of the Mittans' vacation tour of the northwest.

Their guests included her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Newton of this city; her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tuepker, and daughters of Pasadena; her sisters, Mesdames A. S. Parsons and daughter of New Mexico, and Helen Hunt and son of Denver City, Tex.

Also present were his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Eckert of Delano, and a nephew, Melvin Mittan, USMC, stationed at Camp Pendleton, in addition to Torrance and Wilmington friends of the couple.

Mr. Mittan is employed with Barrington Welding and Machine Works and Mrs. Mittan is a bookkeeper for Pre-Stressed Concrete Corp., Torrance. Their interests and those of their son, Duane, a student at University of California at Santa Barbara, have centered around church work, DeMolay activities, Cub and Scout affairs in Torrance.

Represent Gold Stars At Services

Representatives of Torrance and Gardena Gold Star Mothers Wednesday morning attended services at Forest Lawn for Louis Streicher of 1106 El Prado. Mr. Streicher died at work the previous Sunday at the Harvey Tool & Machine Co.

Mrs. Lillie Streicher, his widow, is a member of the Torrance Chapter of American Gold Star Mothers.

Mothers attending were Phyllis Hamilton of Lomita, Regina Cunningham, Helen Smith and Jeannette King of Torrance, and Edith Erbe, and Cora Galpin of Gardena.

Bonnie Notes Birthday With Parties

Bonnie, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Leatherman, of 2225 Maricopa street, was much feted on the occasion of her birthday. Her mother entertained relatives on Wednesday evening and on Saturday Bonnie was hostess at a delightful children's party.

On Wednesday evening birthday cake and ice cream were served to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Backstrom, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Leatherman, and her great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Eckersley, all of Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cunningham of Los Angeles. Also present were the honoree's great uncle and aunts, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Chandler of Torrance, and Harold Anderson of Long Beach.

An animal-decorated cake and toy balloons delighted the children who were entertained on Saturday afternoon. Games occupied the group following presentation of Bonnie's gifts and, seated at small tables, the children were served party refreshments.

Guests were Kay Wyman, Linda Sue Carter, Linda and Rita Lucas, Mary Palmer, Jennie Holdsworth, Cookie Powers, Jill and Jan Eckersley, Patty Figueredo, Marie Mata, and John Figueredo.

Assisting with games and party arrangements were Carol and Lela Wyman.

Irma Powers Heads Trio Social Club

Mrs. Irma Powers was elected president of Trio Rebekah social club of Trio Rebekah Lodge No. 240, at the regular meeting of the club held last week at the home of Mrs. Olea Brown, Torrance.

Other officers named for the ensuing term were Edith Marriott, vice-president; Mary Smith, treasurer.

Installation of the officers will be held December 11, when the Christmas party is held at the home of Margie Russell, 2335 W. 246th street. An exchange of holiday gifts will be a highlight of the meeting.

A good attendance marked the meeting last week, which included a noon pot-luck luncheon.

Conscience is merely our own judgment of the right or wrong of our actions, and so can never be a safe guide unless enlightened by the word of God.—Tryon Edwards.

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Trio Rebekahs Greet Assembly President

Jennie Mae Annin of Fullerton, president of the Rebekah Assembly of California, was received by other assembly officers, committee members and visiting lodge members when she made her official visit to Trio Rebekah Lodge No. 240 Wednesday night in California hall.

Festive decorations, carried out in white and yellow chrysanthemums, were used in the hall and in table arrangements for the social hour that followed the meeting.

Noble Grand Lela Sellega welcomed Rebekahs from near and far, including visitors from the jurisdiction of New York and Honolulu, and an impressive candle-light presentation was made by the noble grand and vice grand of the lodge to the assembly president. As Mary Smith, vice grand, told the story of Mrs. Annin's work in Fullerton Rebekah Lodge No. 341 since 1926, candles were lighted at each station representing the various offices she had held through the years. In turn the president thanked Trio lodge for her flowers and the lovely presentation. She spoke briefly on the splendid support she had received for the president's project, the Children's Rehabilitation Center, and the Odd Fellows Pageant Fund.

During the business meeting the visiting committee was dismissed with words of appreciation by the noble grand and Olive Veatch, Fronia Branagh and Katherine Vash were appointed as the December committee. Second nomination of officers was held and the lodge voted to purchase heating pads for Christmas gifts for the IOOF Orphans Home in Gilroy, California; Retta Nelson, committee chairman for the evening, also expressed her appreciation for the assistance she received from her committee.

Among the guests introduced during the evening were Char-



JENNIE MAE ANNIN Visiting Rebekah Officer

Gertrude Smith of Los Angeles, District No. 8 and Cumia Olds, Manhattan Beach, District No. 66. Also present were the following State assembly committee chairmen: Ethel Grubb of El Segundo; Dorothea Martin of Venice; Tessie Sprague and Susie Walker of Huntington Park; Mamie Rupe of Pacific Palisades and Ivy Bradshaw and Albertha Ewen of Long Beach.

Laurah Bort was in charge of refreshments consisting of solid, crackers and coffee. Announcement was made that the annual election of officers would be held December 12.

Halldale PTA Plans Yule Fantasy 13th

Narbonne High School auditorium will be the setting for Halldale PTA's Christmas program Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m., which will feature a fantasy, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" under the direction of Robert E. Lee. More than 100 Halldale students will appear in the cast, it was announced. The play will be augmented by the school chorus and orchestra, to be directed by Mrs. Ruth Adams. The Halldale Mothersingers also will appear on the program.

The school faculty has worked hard on this production and hope that all the parents and friends of the pupils will attend.

A board meeting has been planned for 9:30 tomorrow morning, and immediately following Mrs. Amanda Bonwell president, will entertain at breakfast. Each member has been asked to provide a gift for exchange at this time.

PTA-ers Are Luncheon Hostesses

Mesdames Lyle Tussing and Jules Ross were co-hostesses for a recent luncheon party and luncheon held at Mrs. Tussing's home. The party was sponsored by the finance and budget committee of the North Torrance Elementary PTA.

Guests were Mesdames Kelso, VanDeVort, Peterson, Delly, Odell, Sherwood, Drate, McDonald, Morrison, Babb, Mangiagli, Stoelske, Blount, Fagnano, Cunningham, Furbay, Sale, Jackson, Wilkens, Cortez, Kanawah, Van Belkhem, Breitenfeld, McFee and Payne.

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